

Condensed from Mrs. Leach's  
The Dandelion (1843)

Gymnosperm candida - spot etc.,  
Dear Sir

Milwaukee May 11<sup>th</sup> 1843

I have this day placed in the hands of  
a forwarding merchant a box, to be shipped by the "Bunker  
Hill" the first Steam boat from "below" which will  
leave here this evening on her way to Buffalo, containing  
the following plants enumerated in yours of the 15<sup>th</sup> ult  
as deciderata. — Scum triflorum - for which (with others) I made  
a journey to the prairies, ten miles back — Honioselinum Canadense,  
grows in wet ground — Cocopsis palmata - prairies (dry) — Betula  
grandulosa, from edge of a wet meadow where the new Gentian  
grows — Lilphium gummiferum, damp grounds on the prairies —  
Cacalia ovata - same — Valeriana ciliosa - same — Fallium rivale  
steep side hill facing south — Shephardia canadensis, from the river banks,  
naturally propagated by layers —  
✓ Dodecatheon integrifolia or media - from the woods — Lathyrus albidus of  
Aikin in Eaton's Man. Ed 7 p 362 - the L. ochroleucus of the Flon. N. Am.  
It grows in the woods — L. venosus, same — Phlox divaricata  
rich ground about fences — Euthronium albidum, same — Isopyrum  
bitermatum, rich bottom lands — Phaca neglecta, old fields on  
clay soil. I sent this last fall, have sent only one small  
root now. You will also find Potentilla arguta, Ribes  
rubrum, wild! from our swamps, Phlox villosa, Iris laustris,  
Allium cernuum? - (not certain) -

The Box is directed "Asa Gray, Cambridge Mass.  
By Rail Road from Albany" and on a corner "Wisconsin  
plants for the Botanic Garden from J. A. Lapham Milwaukee".  
and I hope it will arrive in safety and in time  
for you to save the plants alive.

Have you a published catalogue of the plants in your garden? - With such a work your friends could see <sup>in</sup> what you are deficient and thus make themselves more useful. I hope you will adopt a liberal system of exchanges, so that such plants as are introduced through your exertions may be extensively spread and cultivated. The honor of having introduced a new thing into the country should be deemed sufficient, without aspiring to the exclusive use of it. By so doing it may be, that plants ~~will~~ be preserved in the country after they are lost in your garden, and you may then receive a return for generosity. Excuse my freedom in making the above suggestion. It is not made from any selfish motive! - J

Our season is very backward - cold north wind prevail. Hope for better times soon.

Yours truly

J. A. Lapham

God - then said me a  
plantiful reply, what  
you have - , ,

Mr A. Gray

N.B. I shall as occasion offers remove to my small garden the remainder of the plants you wish so as to be able to send them next autumn. I. A. L.

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